

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

I previewed some of our good news in the kick-off meeting and subsequent notes. Let me lead off with a few more details.

- **Cory Lovec MSUB's First Goldwater Scholarship Nominee** – The Goldwater Scholarship is the most prestigious award in the United States given to undergraduates studying in sciences, mathematics, or engineering. Corey Lovec is a junior majoring in chemistry and minoring in physics and mathematics. Ever since coming to MSUB, Cory has been doing research with Dr. Matt Marlow in solid matrix luminescence, and together they have presented their work at the Montana Academy of Sciences and Montana Space Grant Consortium. They have also had an article accepted for publication by the journal Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons.
- **Research as Opportunity and Power Principle** – As Cory's Goldwater nomination illustrates, research can open doors and create opportunities. For this reason, one of our strategic initiatives in the next year will be developing more opportunities for research.
- **Scribendi Acceptance for Breeann Silbernagel** – Breeann just had her piece, "Garden City," accepted by Scribendi, the highly competitive journal of the Western Regional Honors Council. There were 545 pieces submitted for publication and approximately 10% were accepted. Congratulations to Breeann.
- **Issue** – The Academic Senate is looking into courses that are not lodged in academic departments. This includes some UHP courses, and at tomorrow's Honors Council meeting we will be looking for a solution to the problem posed by such UHP courses. If you are interested in the implications of this issue, stop by, and I would be glad to tell you more about it.
- **Honors Council Meeting and the MSUB Strategic Plan** – The UHP is featured prominently in the university's strategic plan as part the section about building a stronger academic culture here. At tomorrow's meeting, we will begin the planning process for this initiative. I will also be forming a student group to share the task.
- **Synergies** – In my first weeks as interim director of Graduate Director, I am finding some important synergies between UHP and Graduate Studies, most notably in matters of academic quality and research. However, the new position is also resulting in many more meetings and resulting commitments.

That's it for now. Hope to see you at next Wednesday's research presentations @ 6:00 in the Science Auditorium.

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Reminders & Deadlines

2/13 – Honors Research Presentations

2/15 – Deadline to attend WRHC

2/15 – Deadline to submit Honors contracts

3/29 – Deadline to apply for UHP Scholarship and UHP Summer Scholarship

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Honors T-Shirts

The Honors Club will be ordering T-shirts within the next couple of days.

T-shirts will be white with black lettering saying "Does this shirt make me look smarter?" on the front, and "Honors Club" on the reverse.

We ask that individuals contribute \$5 per T-shirt.... please email the Honors Council at msub.honors@gmail.com with the number of T-shirts that you would like, as well as the size so that we can put that order in. You can also submit this information through the Honors Facebook page. Contributions will be collected prior to the distribution of each individual's T-shirt.

Please submit your request by Tuesday, February 12th.

**UHP member Desja will
perform *jazz, blues, rock,
classic pop, soul, and original
music* Saturday Feb. 16 at 7:00**

in

Petro Theater

With: Keith Yoder – guitar

Rich Feeley – bass

Thomas Burke – sax

Devin Kennedy - drum

admission \$10

HONORS RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

The Honors Research Presentations will be held Wednesday, February 13, 6pm in the Science Auditorium of the Science Building.

Topics will range from Education, to History, to Chemistry, to Poetry - there will be topics of interest for everyone!

Anyone interested in presenting can still submit an entry form up to Friday, February 8.

Please join us and support your fellow Honors students.

We are looking for one student to volunteer to pass out programs and greet attendees at the door the night of the event. We ask that this individual arrive by 5:30pm.